

Description:

The Legislative Services Office provides efficient, non-partisan support services to Idaho's citizen Legislature, carries out legislative policies so as to strengthen the Legislature's management as a separate branch of government, and assists the Legislature in carrying out its constitutional responsibilities.

Major Functions and Targeted Performance Standard(s) for Each Function:

1. Provide timely preparation of quality legislation, effective information systems to monitor preparation and progress of legislation, and quality research information to support legislative decision-making.
 - A. Provide completed drafts of bills and resolutions to requesting sponsor within five working days of receipt of request.

Actual Results			
1999	2000	2001	2002
99.4%/1,492	94%/1,816	97%/1,491	98%/903
Projected Results			
2003	2004	2005	2006
80%	80%	80%	80%

2. Develop financial information and analyses in a timely manner that allows the Legislature to establish priorities for state government through a working budget that balances state agency needs with revenues.
 - A. Draft and deliver appropriation bills to Research & Legislation within five working days after the appropriation is set in JFAC hearing.

Actual Results			
1999	2000	2001	2002
100%	100%	100%	100%
Projected Results			
2003	2004	2005	2006
100%	100%	100%	100%

- B. Reduce number of appropriation bills returned from the House or Senate after introduction because of staff error.

Actual Results			
1999	2000	2001	2002
0	0	0	1
Projected Results			
2003	2004	2005	2006
0	0	0	0

3. Ensure legislative oversight and accountability for state agencies by providing timely financial and compliance audits to the Legislature.
 - A. Results of triennial peer review by outside auditors to assure quality audit reports.

Actual Results			
1999	2000	2001	2002
Unqualified Opinion			Unqualified Opinion
Projected Results			
2003	2004	2005	2006
		Unqualified Opinion	

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B. Number and percentage of audit recommendations implemented by state agencies.

Actual Results			
1999	2000	2001	2002
35/49 or 72%	25/49 or 51%	32/52 or 61%	58/87 or 67%
Projected Results			
2003	2004	2005	2006
50%	50%	50%	50%

Program Results and Effect:

The mission of the Legislative Service's Office is to modernize the provision of professional staff services to the Legislature, to provide committees and legislators with professional staff support, to increase communication and efficiency, and enhance coordination and productivity within the Legislative Branch of government. Under the direction of the Director of Legislative Services, the office consists of the Research and Legislation section, Budget and Policy Analysis section, the Legislative Audit section, and the Network Administration section.

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Description:

To promote confidence and accountability in state government through professional and independent assessment and evaluation of state agencies, programs, functions, and activities, consistent with legislative intent.

Major Functions and Targeted Performance Standard(s) for Each Function:

1. Number of performance evaluations completed per fiscal year.

A.

Actual Results			
1999	2000	2001	2002
3	4	6	3
Projected Results			
2003	2004	2005	2006
3	6	6	6

2. Number of background or scoping Papers--brief summaries of an issue that are used to select topics for evaluation and determine an evaluation's scope.

A.

Actual Results			
1999	2000	2001	2002
8	18	15	13
Projected Results			
2003	2004	2005	2006
10	10	10	10

3. Annual potential cost savings or revenue enhancements identified in reports.

A.

Actual Results			
1999	2000	2001	2002
\$2,653,000	\$204,000	\$0	\$0
Projected Results			
2003	2004	2005	2006
\$0	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000

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Program Results and Effect:

In response to OPE report findings and recommendations, the following legislative and program changes were made in fiscal year 2002:

The Department of Correction negotiated a new contract that reduced costs to those receiving collect telephone calls from inmates by estimated \$900,000 annually while maintaining revenue the department receives under the contract.

The Commission on Pardons and Parole began automating its manual records about parole eligible individuals resulting in more efficient case processing and improved data accuracy.

The Board of Medicine and the Public Works Contractors License Board established policies and procedures designed to reduce the likelihood of conflicts of interest in their licensing and disciplinary decisions.

The Board of Medicine modified its rules to strengthen its complaint investigation procedures and formalize the process for selecting medical consultants.

Legislation adopted in 2002 clarified the Division of Building Safety's responsibilities for investigating complaints of unlicensed practice of public works contracting.

The Division of Building Safety eliminated a position supporting the Public Works Contractors License Board, saving an estimated \$32,000 annually. The position was no longer needed following the transfer of the board into the division.

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